Karamchari Union, AIIMS Employees Union and AIIMS Nurses Union. Recognition of AIIMS Employees Union was usspended from May, 1996. The election of the recognised AIIMS Nurses Union was held in April, 1996 through a secret ballot. A group of Nurses have challenged the election in the Court and the matter is sub-judice.

Survey on Prevalence of T.B.

3422. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey on the prevalence of T.B. has been done by Government in the districts of Cuddapah, Kurnool, Anantapur and Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the names of the agencies which did the survey;

(c) the basic findings of this survey for T.B.;

(d) what special steps are proposed to control T.B., details thereof;

(e) whether any team has been despatched to advise the State Government; and

(f) if so, the details of such cooperation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) to (f) The Central Government is proposing to initiate the revised National TB Control Programme with the help of DFID in all the 23 districts of Andhra Pradesh with the objective of achieving a cure rate of 85%. No team has been sent by the Central Government to advise the State Govt. but the new project proposal for DFID assistance has been developed in consultation with the State Government.

Reservation for SC/ST Candidates at Dr. R.P. Centre, AIIMS

3423. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation was made in favour of SC/ST candidates in selection of ad-hoc senior Residents at Dr. R.P. Centre, AIIMS from July, 1994 to December, 1996;

(b) if so the details thereof; if not the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any reservation roster was maintained during the above period; if so on which points of roster, SC/ST candidates were selected, if not, the reasons for the same;

(d) whether SC/ST candidates, who topped written test were pushed back in interview; if so, reasons for the same; and

(d) what measures, Government plan to take for panalishing concerned officials, if found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) (a) and (b) In Dr. R.P. Centre of AIIMS, 24 Senior Residents were appointed on ad-hoc basis for the sessions from July, 1994 to January, 1997, out of which 6 candidates belonged to reserved category.

(c) No regular appointments to the post of Senior Resident Doctors are being made due to a pending court case where the matter is sub-judice. No roster for ad-hoc appointment is being made since 1994. Ad-hoc appointments are being made following the principle of 22.5% reservation for SC/ST candidates.

(d) For preparing the select list the total marks secured by a candidate in the theory examination and clinical knowledge assessment (Viva) are taken into consideration. Interviews are